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1. DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCILS ON TAX ARRANGEMENTS TO BE
APPLIED TO PENSION SCHEME (CCG/W(74)38) WAS APPROVED
WITH MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGE AND FORWARDED TO COUNCILS.
DURING RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTA-
TIVE TO CCG, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT AUSTRALIANS MAY HAVE
SOME DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY AND MIGHT ACCEPT PROPOSALS
RECOMMENDED BY MAJORITY IN PARAGRAPHS 5 THROUGH 8 OF
CCG/W(74)38.

2. CCG HAD FIRST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SECRETARY
GENERAL'S PROPOSALS ON GENERAL REVIEW. IN PRELIMINARY
EXCHANGE MOST DELEGATIONS VOICED CONCERN ABOUT
SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS FOR STANDARD OF LIVING
INCREASE AND CALLED FOR REVIEW OF PROCEDURES AND
CRITERIA USED FOR CALCULATING BOTH STANDARD OF LIVING
AND COST OF LIVING INCREASES. ATTITUDES TOWARDS
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GENERAL REVIEW RANGED FROM OPPOSITION TO ANY INCREASE

(SWITZERLAND AND NETHERLANDS) TO HAVING A GENERAL REVIEW BUT WITH ONLY A MINIMAL INCREASE (GERMANY AND SWEDEN) TO A POSTPONEMENT OF THE GENERAL REVIEW UNTIL JULY 1, 1975 WHEN NEW PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR STANDARD OF LIVING CHANGES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED (ITALY, FRANCE, US, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA). DURING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS ON THE GENERAL REVIEW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING BOTH STANDARD OF LIVING AND COST OF LIVING CHANGES, MISSION WILL DRAW UPON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFERENCE C.
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